(b) Indigenous coal production is by and large adequate to meet the overall demand of various consumers except the steel plants. It cannot be said with certainty at this stage as to how much coking coal will be imported in the current year, since it is contingent on factors like availab ility of foreign exchange, etc.

(c) The Ministry of Goal is taking following steps to improve supply of coal to thermal power stations:—

(i) Production of coal by coal companies is being monitored on daily basis, and efforts are being made to meet the production targets.

(ii) Efforts are being made to step up despatch of coal to the thermal power stations by increasing rail loading and ensuring maximum supply through other means, like road, conveyor belt etc.

(iii) Coal supply to power houses is being monitored regularly and appropriate action is being taken immediately to meet any deficit.

**Demand for a balanced policy on Textiles**

349. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM-RAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) what are the reasons for which export of cotton yarn has been banned w.e.f. 20th September, 1991. when there is no scarcity;

(b) whether the Ministry will fol low a balanced policy on "Textile" Industry as regards cotton exports, availability of yarn to decentralised sector and exports of cotton cloth, yarn, apparels; What are the pro posals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY . OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) In order to ameliorate the difficulties of decentralised handloom and powerloom weavers arising out of high pricesjdeclining availability of, cotton yarn, Government have suspended cotton yarn exports with effect from 21st September 1991. However, the following categories of exports were later exempted from the suspension order:—.

(i) Exports under Advance Licensing 100)- per cent EOU Scheme.

(ii) Exports to countries where cotton yarn exports from India .are under quantitative restrainst (BBC).

(iii) Cotton yarn of accounts 80s and above.

(iv) Where export obligation of cotton yarn has been undertaken against import of capital goods at concessional duty.

(b) Yes Sir. However, the Government from time to time weighs the benefits from exports of cotton yarn *vis-a-vis* the requirements of decentralised sector and takes steps to make a balance between various co-mpeting national interests.

**कोल इंडिया लि० की बिगड़ती हुई वित्तीय स्थिति**

350. श्री रणजीत सिंह : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड को प्रतिवर्ष भारी वित्तीय हानि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संगठन को 1989–90 और 1990–91 को वर्षों तथा 1991–92 की प्रथम छमाही में कुल कितनी हानि हुई;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस आर्थिक हानि को देखते हुए सरकार